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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

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A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	30	-	30	=	0	x	50	=	-0-
Independent Claims	6	-	6	=	0	x	200	=	-0-
TOTAL									-0-

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request

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for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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